

## CITY LG – June 28- 29, 2025

**Today's Bible Story:** Come Together (Accept One Another / Peter and Cornelius) • *Romans 15:7 (Supporting: Acts 10)*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Accept one another.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did.* Philippians 2:5 (NIRV)

**Monthly Virtue:** Live It Out—Discover how to love like Jesus

**Central Lg Supplies:** Bin with 3 camp items (water bottle, backpack, flashlight, etc)

### WORSHIP

Something Good  
My God is Bigger

#### SLIDE: Theme

Hey City Friends! It's great to see you. If you're happy to be here, say: 'Me!'"

Awesome! All summer, we're talking about what it means to 'Live It Out,' because we're learning how to love like Jesus. The apostle Paul wrote about that in our Memory Verse, Philippians 2:5:

*As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. (Philippians 2:5, NIRV)*

I have a question, and I want you to circle up in your small group and spend a few minutes answering this: **What is something you have done recently to Live it out – to act like Jesus would?** Go ahead and discuss this in your group...

*Large group leader should walk around listening to groups as they answer this. Give them a couple of minutes.*

We can show Jesus' love by encouraging one another, looking out for one another, and living in peace with one another. And we'll talk about another way to 'Live It Out' that we'll see in today's Bible Story.

#### SLIDE: Theme

But before we get into that, let's kick off our time together with another camp competition. This game is a gigantic version of Hot Potato. First, we'll all make one big circle.

The way Hot Potato usually works is that you pass the item around . . . moving quickly so that you're not touching the item when the music stops. For our version today, we've got these fun camp items, like a water bottle, journal, backpack, etc.

*Hold up a few camp items from the bin.*

We'll play the game with THREE items at a time! When the music starts, we'll pass the items around the circle in this direction. *(Indicate the direction with your hands.)* When the music stops, if you're the one holding an item, then you'll stand up and move out of the circle. Are you ready to give it a try? *(Pause for responses.)* Here goes!

*Give the three camp items to kids in three different parts of the circle.*

Let's play!

**AUDIO: Fun, instrumental music (for each round)**

*Comment on the action as the kids play the game, making sure they're passing the items in the same direction.*

**AUDIO: Stop music suddenly (for each round)**

*When the music stops, get the three kids who are holding the items to leave the circle.*

*Play several rounds of the game, getting down to the last couple of kids.*

Today we're talking about a way that we can love like Jesus—by accepting one another. When we read about Jesus in the Bible, we see how He loved God and loved others. He gave up His life on the cross for our sins, then came back to life! Then, about 40 days later, Jesus returned to heaven to be with God. Then, after that, Jesus sent His very Spirit to be with His followers.

We can read how Jesus showed love not just to SOME people . . . but to ALL people. So if we want to love like Jesus, then we should accept people too. In the book of Acts *(hold up Bible)*, we can see how Jesus' friend Peter discovered this important idea. Let's check it out.

**VIDEO: Bible Story 10:14**

God had made it clear to Peter that the good news of Jesus is for everyone. Later, the apostle Paul wrote this in his letter to the Romans. Listen carefully.

*Open the Bible to Romans 15:7 (NIRV) and read.*

*Christ has accepted you. So, accept one another in order to bring praise to God. (NIRV)*

Each one of us can be part of God's family. All we have to do is put our faith in Jesus and believe. That means we can also accept one another as a way to show the love of Jesus. And that's a great way to, 'Live It Out!' Let's stand up for our bottom line.

**VIDEO: Botton Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**Accept one another.**

**SLIDE: Theme**

It's really amazing how God helped Peter change his mind and see things differently. Through Peter's vision, God was making it clear to him that Jesus isn't just for people from a Jewish background. Jesus' love is for everyone.

As we follow Jesus, we can learn how to LOVE like Jesus. Part of that is learning how to accept the people around us.

Over and over, we see how Jesus spent time with different kinds of people—from people who had a lot, to people who were considered outcasts or had been forgotten. Jesus also hung out with people who didn't come from a Jewish background.

When you accept the people around you, that's a great way to show Jesus' love. I know that it feels good when someone accepts me and makes me feel valuable and important. So I should do that for other people.

We don't have to agree with everyone, but we can still treat them with love and respect because they're made in the image of God.

Let's pray and ask God to help us 'Live It Out' by accepting one another.

Dear God, thank You for this story about Peter and Cornelius. You helped Peter understand just how big Your love really is! Help us to see that too, and to show Your love by accepting the people around us. Help us to remember that Jesus gave His life for ALL of us. And please show us how to love others the way You have loved us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

Each week since the beginning of 2025 we have been collecting money to support a Parkview mission that helps people in need.

- Who remembers the name of the church we are collecting for? (*La Liberte' Church (La Lib-er-tay)*).
- Who remembers where the church is located? (*In the Congo in Africa*)

Well guess what? This is the last week we are sending our offering to the Congo. Starting next week, through the rest of the year we will begin to support a new mission right here in our area. If you were at Summer Jam you know what the mission is. Does anyone remember? Shady Oaks Camp right here in Homer Glen, IL!

And before we go, I have a message from Pastor Fred who pastors La Liberte Church in the Congo. He wants to say THANK YOU for all the offering you guys worked so hard to give them!

Great job Parkview Kids!!